

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 69.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, August 28, 1861.

I..Commanding Officers of Volunteer regiments, or independent companies, will take measures to keep the strength of their commands up to the maximum standard of organization prescribed by General Orders No. 15, current series, from this Department, for Cavalry and Infantry, and General Orders No 16, current series, from the same Department, for Artillery. For this purpose they will detail from time to time, as required, one commissioned officer, or two if necessary, with one or two non-commissioned officers or privates, to recruit in the districts in which the regiments or companies were raised.

The authority for the officers and men, thus detailed, to leave their regiments or companies, must be approved by the Brigade and Division Commanders, and the General commanding the Department or Corps d'Armée.

Immediately upon their arrival at their stations, or if more convenient, upon their way thither, the commissioned officers thus detailed will report in person or by letter to the nearest United States mustering officer, who will give them instructions in the matters of recruiting, the expenses proper to be incurred therefor, and the rendition of their accounts with proper vouchers.

Mustering officers will muster into service and administer the oath of allegiance to such regiments or recruits brought to them as may present conclusive evidence of their acceptance by this Department.

II..All enlisted men in the Volunteer service, who have been taken prisoners by the enemy and released on parole, will be discharged from the service.

BY ORDER :

L. THOMAS,
Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

Assistant Adjutant General.